

AN ACT

relating to the sequencing of required English language arts courses and mathematics courses in schools and conforming changes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 28.025(b-2), Education Code, as amended by Chapters 211 (H.B. 5) and 214 (H.B. 2201), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(b-2) In adopting rules under Subsection (b-1), the State Board of Education shall:

(1) provide for a student to comply with the curriculum requirements for an advanced English course under Subsection (b-1)(1) [~~taken after successful completion of English I, English II, and English III~~], for an advanced mathematics course under Subsection (b-1)(2) [~~taken after the successful completion of Algebra I and geometry~~], and for any advanced science course under Subsection (b-1)(3) by successfully completing a course in the appropriate content area that has been approved as an advanced course by board rule or that is offered as an advanced course for credit without board approval as provided by Section 28.002(g-1); and

(2) allow a student to comply with the curriculum requirements for the third and fourth mathematics credits under Subsection (b-1)(2) or the third and fourth science credits under

1 Subsection (b-1)(3) by successfully completing an advanced career
2 and technical course designated by the State Board of Education as
3 containing substantively similar and rigorous academic content.

4 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
5 school year.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 826 passed the Senate on April 3, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 22, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 826 passed the House, with amendment, on May 17, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor